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SUBJECT: JAPAN TO "SERIOUSLY CONSIDER" G-8 AGENDA REQUEST;  
UNLIKELY TO DEMARCHE RUSSIA

REF: STATE 57838

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor W. Michael Meserve. Reason  
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(C) Following delivery of reftel request, MOFA Policy  
Coordination Division Deputy Director Akihiro Tsuji told  
Poloff on April 17, that Japan would "seriously consider" the  
request. It is unlikely, however, that Japan would demarche  
the Russians at this point, Tsuji offered, because so little  
time remained before the Moscow meeting. Nevertheless, Tsuji  
expressed his personal view that the Japanese government  
probably would have no problem if the United States raised  
reftel issues during the G-8 meeting.

SCHIEFFER